

CIVIL COVER SHEET

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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

ALFRED FREEMAN

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff _____

(c) Attorney's (Firm Name, Address, Telephone Number and Email Address)

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DEFENDANTS

NCO FINANCIAL SYSTEMS, INC.

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant _____

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE LAND INVOLVED.

Attorneys (If Known)

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☐ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff ☒ 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
- ☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant ☐ 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

- | | PTF | DEF | | PTF | DEF |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Citizen of This State | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | Incorporated <i>or</i> Principal Place of Business In This State | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 |
| Citizen of Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | Incorporated <i>and</i> Principal Place of Business In Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 |
| Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | Foreign Nation | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 |

IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

CONTRACT	TORTS	FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES
<input type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act <input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument <input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act <input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excl. Veterans) <input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits <input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholders' Suits <input type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contract <input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 196 Franchise	PERSONAL INJURY <input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane <input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel & Slander <input type="checkbox"/> 330 Federal Employers' Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 340 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 350 Motor Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Injury PERSONAL INJURY <input type="checkbox"/> 362 Personal Injury - Med. Malpractice <input type="checkbox"/> 365 Personal Injury - Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability PERSONAL PROPERTY <input type="checkbox"/> 370 Other Fraud <input type="checkbox"/> 371 Truth in Lending <input type="checkbox"/> 380 Other Personal Property Damage <input type="checkbox"/> 385 Property Damage Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 610 Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> 620 Other Food & Drug <input type="checkbox"/> 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881 <input type="checkbox"/> 630 Liquor Laws <input type="checkbox"/> 640 R.R. & Truck <input type="checkbox"/> 650 Airline Regs. <input type="checkbox"/> 660 Occupational Safety/Health <input type="checkbox"/> 690 Other LABOR <input type="checkbox"/> 710 Fair Labor Standards Act <input type="checkbox"/> 720 Labor/Mgmt. Relations <input type="checkbox"/> 730 Labor/Mgmt. Reporting & Disclosure Act <input type="checkbox"/> 740 Railway Labor Act <input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litigation <input type="checkbox"/> 791 Empl. Ret. Inc. Security Act IMMIGRATION <input type="checkbox"/> 462 Naturalization Application <input type="checkbox"/> 463 Habeas Corpus - Alien Detainee <input type="checkbox"/> 465 Other Immigration Actions	<input type="checkbox"/> 422 Appeal 28 USC 158 <input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157 PROPERTY RIGHTS <input type="checkbox"/> 820 Copyrights <input type="checkbox"/> 830 Patent <input type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark SOCIAL SECURITY <input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (1395ff) <input type="checkbox"/> 862 Black Lung (923) <input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g)) <input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSID Title XVI <input type="checkbox"/> 865 RSI (405(g)) FEDERAL TAX SUITS <input type="checkbox"/> 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant) <input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS—Third Party 26 USC 7609	<input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment <input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust <input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking <input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation <input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 480 Consumer Credit <input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Sat TV <input type="checkbox"/> 810 Selective Service <input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange <input type="checkbox"/> 875 Customer Challenge 12 USC 3410 <input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions <input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Acts <input type="checkbox"/> 892 Economic Stabilization Act <input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters <input type="checkbox"/> 894 Energy Allocation Act <input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Information Act <input type="checkbox"/> 900 Appeal of Fee Determination Under Equal Access to Justice <input type="checkbox"/> 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes

V. ORIGIN

(Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☒ 1 Original Proceeding ☐ 2 Removed from State Court ☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court ☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened ☐ 5 Transferred from another district (specify) ☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation ☐ 7 Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):

15 U.S.C SECTION 1692

Brief description of cause:

Fair Debt Collection Practices Act

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:☐ CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.C.P. 23

DEMAND \$

CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:

JURY DEMAND: ☒ Yes ☐ No**VIII. RELATED CASE(S)**

(See instructions):

JUDGE _____

DOCKET NUMBER _____

Explanation:

DATE

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

09/17/2012

/s/ Craig Thor Kimmel

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

CASE MANAGEMENT TRACK DESIGNATION FORM

ALFRED FREEMAN	:	CIVIL ACTION
	:	
v.	:	
	:	NO.
NCO FINANCIAL SYSTEMS, INC.	:	
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In accordance with the Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan of this court, counsel for plaintiff shall complete a Case Management Track Designation Form in all civil cases at the time of filing the complaint and serve a copy on all defendants. (See § 1:03 of the plan set forth on the reverse side of this form.) In the event that a defendant does not agree with the plaintiff regarding said designation, that defendant shall, with its first appearance, submit to the clerk of court and serve on the plaintiff and all other parties, a Case Management Track Designation Form specifying the track to which that defendant believes the case should be assigned.

SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CASE MANAGEMENT TRACKS:

- (a) Habeas Corpus – Cases brought under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 through § 2255. ()
- (b) Social Security – Cases requesting review of a decision of the Secretary of Health and Human Services denying plaintiff Social Security Benefits. ()
- (c) Arbitration – Cases required to be designated for arbitration under Local Civil Rule 53.2. (X)
- (d) Asbestos – Cases involving claims for personal injury or property damage from exposure to asbestos. ()
- (e) Special Management – Cases that do not fall into tracks (a) through (d) that are commonly referred to as complex and that need special or intense management by the court. (See reverse side of this form for a detailed explanation of special management cases.) ()
- (f) Standard Management – Cases that do not fall into any one of the other tracks. ()

09/17/2012
Date

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA — DESIGNATION FORM to be used by counsel to indicate the category of the case for the purpose of assignment to appropriate calendar.

Address of Plaintiff: 300 Tide Water Circle, Preston MD 21655

Address of Defendant: 501 Prudential Rd., Horsham PA 19044

Place of Accident, Incident or Transaction: _____
(Use Reverse Side For Additional Space)

Does this civil action involve a nongovernmental corporate party with any parent corporation and any publicly held corporation owning 10% or more of its stock?

(Attach two copies of the Disclosure Statement Form in accordance with Fed.R.Civ.P. 7.1(a))

Yes ☐ No ☒

Does this case involve multidistrict litigation possibilities?

Yes ☐ No ☒

RELATED CASE, IF ANY:

Case Number: _____ Judge _____ Date Terminated: _____

Civil cases are deemed related when yes is answered to any of the following questions:

1. Is this case related to property included in an earlier numbered suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court?
Yes ☐ No ☒
2. Does this case involve the same issue of fact or grow out of the same transaction as a prior suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court?
Yes ☐ No ☒
3. Does this case involve the validity or infringement of a patent already in suit or any earlier numbered case pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court?
Yes ☐ No ☒
4. Is this case a second or successive habeas corpus, social security appeal, or pro se civil rights case filed by the same individual?
Yes ☐ No ☒

CIVIL: (Place ☒ in ONE CATEGORY ONLY)

A. Federal Question Cases:

1. ☐ Indemnity Contract, Marine Contract, and All Other Contracts
2. ☐ FELA
3. ☐ Jones Act-Personal Injury
4. ☐ Antitrust
5. ☐ Patent
6. ☐ Labor-Management Relations
7. ☐ Civil Rights
8. ☐ Habeas Corpus
9. ☐ Securities Act(s) Cases
10. ☐ Social Security Review Cases
11. ☒ All other Federal Question Cases
(Please specify) 15 U.S.C. § 1692

B. Diversity Jurisdiction Cases:

1. ☐ Insurance Contract and Other Contracts
2. ☐ Airplane Personal Injury
3. ☐ Assault, Defamation
4. ☐ Marine Personal Injury
5. ☐ Motor Vehicle Personal Injury
6. ☐ Other Personal Injury (Please specify)
7. ☐ Products Liability
8. ☐ Products Liability — Asbestos
9. ☐ All other Diversity Cases
(Please specify) _____

ARBITRATION CERTIFICATION

(Check Appropriate Category)

I, Craig Thor Kimmel, counsel of record do hereby certify:

- ☐ Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 53.2, Section 3(c)(2), that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the damages recoverable in this civil action case exceed the sum of \$150,000.00 exclusive of interest and costs;
- ☐ Relief other than monetary damages is sought.

DATE: 09/17/12 /s/ Craig Thor Kimmel 57100
Attorney-at-Law Attorney I.D.#

NOTE: A trial de novo will be a trial by jury only if there has been compliance with F.R.C.P. 38.

I certify that, to my knowledge, the within case is not related to any case now pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court except as noted above.

DATE: 09/17/12 /s/ Craig Thor Kimmel 57100
Attorney-at-Law Attorney I.D.#

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE
EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

ALFRED FREEMAN,)	
)	
Plaintiff)	
)	
v.)	Case No.:
)	
NCO FINANCIAL SYSTEMS, INC.,)	COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR
)	JURY TRIAL
Defendant)	
)	(Unlawful Debt Collection Practices)

COMPLAINT

ALFRED FREEMAN (“Plaintiff”), by and through his attorneys, KIMMEL & SILVERMAN, P.C., alleges the following against NCO FINANCIAL SYSTEMS, INC. (“Defendant”):

INTRODUCTION

1. Plaintiff's Complaint is based on the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692 *et seq.* ("FDCPA"), which prohibits debt collectors from engaging in abusive, deceptive, and unfair practices.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

2. Jurisdiction of this court arises pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(d), which states that such actions may be brought and heard before “any appropriate United States district court without regard to the amount in controversy,” and 28 U.S.C. § 1331 grants this court original jurisdiction of all civil actions arising under the laws of the United States.

1 3. Defendant conducts business and has its principal office in the Commonwealth of
2 Pennsylvania, and therefore, personal jurisdiction is established.

3 4. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(1).
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6 **PARTIES**

7 5. Plaintiff is a natural person residing in Preston, Maryland 21655.

8 6. Plaintiff is a person granted a cause of action under the FDCPA. See 15 U.S.C.
9 §1692k(a), and Wenrich v. Cole, 2000 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 18687 (E.D. Pa. Dec. 22, 2000).

10 7. Defendant is a national debt collection company with its corporate headquarters
11 located at 507 Prudential Road in Horsham, Pennsylvania, 19044.

12 8. Defendant is a “debt collector” as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6),
13 and repeatedly contacted Plaintiff in an attempt to collect a consumer debt of another person.

14 9. Defendant acted through its agents, employees, officers, members, directors,
15 heirs, successors, assigns, principals, trustees, sureties, subrogees, representatives, and insurers.
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17 **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

18 10. At all relevant times, Defendant was contacting Plaintiff in an attempt to collect
19 an alleged consumer debt of another person.

20 11. Upon information and belief, the alleged debt at issue arose out of transactions,
21 which were primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.

22 12. Beginning in February 2012, and continuing through August 2012, Defendant
23 continuously and repeatedly contacted Plaintiff on his home telephone in its attempts to collect a
24 debt of another person, specifically a person it identified as “Michelle.”
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1 13. Plaintiff knew it was Defendant calling because he received numerous automated
2 messages, wherein Defendant identified itself as “NCO Financial Systems.”

3 14. Plaintiff has spoken with Defendant’s collectors who have identified themselves
4 as calling from “NCO Financial Systems.”

5 15. Defendant called on average, one (1) to two (2) times a day, on multiple days
6 each week during February 2012 through August 2012. In those instances when Plaintiff spoke
7 with its collectors, they routinely stated they were trying to reach an individual named
8 “Michelle”.
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10 16. No one named “Michelle” lives at or takes calls using Plaintiff’s phone, and that
11 information was shared with Defendant’s collectors. Further, Defendant was told more than
12 once, to stop calling and to remove his number from the NCO Financial database. Defendant’s
13 collectors acknowledged Plaintiff’s instructions and promised to both stop calling and to remove
14 his number from their database. However, Defendant failed to effectively update its records or
15 provided Plaintiff with false promises of doing so, as the unwanted calls continued.

16 17. Defendant had no reason to believe that the information provided by Plaintiff was
17 incomplete or erroneous.

18 18. Defendant persisted in placing voice messages on Plaintiff’s answering machine
19 stating, “This is NCO Financial. We are a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. This
20 message is for Michelle...Please return our call...[sic].”
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22 19. After having substantive conversations with Plaintiff as stated above, there was
23 no legitimate business purpose to continue calling, except to annoy, abuse and harass a known
24 third party to collect a debt which it knew was not his.

25 20. Defendant most recently called Plaintiff on August 4, 2012.

**DEFENDANT VIOLATED THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES
ACT**

COUNT I

24. Defendant's conduct, detailed in the preceding paragraphs, violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692b(3).

a. Section 1692b(3) of the FDCPA prohibits a debt collector from communicating with any person other than a consumer more than once unless requested to do so by such person or unless the debt collector reasonably believes that the earlier response of such person is erroneous or incomplete and that such person now has correct or complete location information.

b. Here, Defendant violated §1692b(3) of the FDCPA by communicating with Plaintiff more than once about another person's debt, despite having been notified that it was calling the wrong person and that Plaintiff did not want to receive its collection calls.

COUNT II

25. Defendant's conduct, as detailed in the preceding paragraphs, violated 15 U.S.C. §§1692d and 1692d(5).

a. Section 1692d of the FDCPA prohibits debt collectors from engaging in any conduct the natural consequences of which is to harass, oppress or abuse any person in connection with the collection of a debt.

b. Section 1692d(5) of the FDCPA prohibits debt collectors from causing a telephone to ring or engaging any person in telephone conversation repeatedly or continuously with the intent to annoy, abuse, or harass any person at the

1 called number.

- 2 c. Defendant violated §§1692d and 1692d(5) of the FDCPA when it called
3 Plaintiff approximately twice a day, including weekends, with the intent to
4 annoy, abuse and harass Plaintiff, as Plaintiff had informed Defendant on
5 more than one occasion it was calling the wrong person.

6 **COUNT III**

7 26. Defendant's conduct, detailed in the preceding paragraphs, violated 15 U.S.C.
8 §1692f.

- 9 a. Section 1692f of the FDCPA prohibits debt collectors from using unfair or
10 unconscionable means to collect or attempt to collect any debt.
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12 b. Here, Defendant violated §1692f of the FDCPA by failing to update its
13 records to avoid the further harassment of Plaintiff after having been told it
14 was calling the wrong person, as well as claiming that it would remove
15 Plaintiff's number from his call logs, when it had no intention to do so, as
16 evidenced by its continued calls to Plaintiff.

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19 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, ALFRED FREEMAN, respectfully prays for a judgment as
20 follows:

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22 a. All actual damages suffered pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §1692k(a)(1);
23 b. Statutory damages of \$1,000.00 for the violation of the FDCPA pursuant
24 to 15 U.S.C. §1692k(a)(2)(A);
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1 c. All reasonable attorneys' fees, witness fees, court costs and other litigation
2 costs incurred by Plaintiff pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §1693k(a)(3); and

3 d. Any other relief deemed appropriate by this Honorable Court.
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5 **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

6 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Plaintiff, ALFRED FREEMAN, demands a jury trial in
7 this case.
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10 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

11 DATED: 09/17/2012

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